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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixty-first session, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

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Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to its resolution 58/316 entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", decided that in July of each year, the General Committee should conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and also submit recommendations on the matter to the Assembly at its forthcoming session. The report should include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.

2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.

3. The draft programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee,[1] have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the General Assembly in the following decisions: First Committee (decision 61/516 of 6 December 2006); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 61/523 of 14 December 2006); Second Committee (decision 61/544 of 20 December 2006); Third Committee (decision 61/532 of 20 December 2006); and Sixth Committee (decision 61/509 of 4 December 2006). However, since the adoption of the decisions, the draft programme of work of the Second Committee has been revised in the light of Assembly resolution 61/134 of 14 December 2006.

4. To assist the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, this report therefore contains only the draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, and the revised draft programme of work of the Second Committee. The details of the draft programmes of the other four Main Committees are available in the respective decisions.

5. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

[1] The Fifth Committee has not yet taken a decision on this matter.

I. Draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

First week (18-21 September)

Tuesday, p.m.	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1][2]
	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
Wednesday	Meeting of the General Committee
Friday	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: first report of the General Committee [7]

Second week (24-28 September)

Monday	(*High-level event on climate change organized by the Secretary-General*)
Tuesday to Friday	General debate [8][3]

Third week (1-5 October)

Monday to Wednesday	General debate [8]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Thursday and Friday	Culture of peace [51]: High-level Dialogue on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace (resolutions 61/221 of 20 December 2006 and 61/269 of 25 May 2007)

[2] Items and their numbers cited herein are from the provisional agenda of the sixty-second session (A/62/150). All items on the provisional agenda are pending approval by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session for their inclusion in the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the provisional agenda but not reflected in this draft programme are omitted either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions of the Assembly or for scheduling at a later date.

[3] As the first item before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

Fourth week (8-12 October)

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [111]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Wednesday	Report of the Peacebuilding Commission [10]; Report of the Secretary-General on the Peacebuilding Fund [112]: joint debate
Friday	*Official United Nations holiday (Eid al-Fitr)*

Fifth week (15-19 October)

	[Promotion of justice and international law]
Monday	Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [76]; Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [77]: joint debate
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Tuesday	Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [114 (a)]
	[Development of Africa; Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Thursday	New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [66 (a) and (b)]; 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [49]: joint debate

Sixth week (22-26 October)

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]

Monday and Tuesday — High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [55 (b)] (resolution 61/191 of 20 December 2006)

Wednesday — *United Nations Day Concert*

Seventh week (29 October-2 November)

[Disarmament]

Monday — Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [89]

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]

Tuesday

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [45]
2. Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS [46]
3. Sport for peace and development [47 (a) and (b)]: joint debate
4. Global road safety crisis [48]
5. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [50]
6. Culture of peace [51]

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Thursday

1. Report of the International Court of Justice [75]
2. Report of the International Criminal Court [78]

Eighth week (5-9 November)

[Maintenance of international peace and security; Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Monday

1. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [11]
2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [12]
3. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [13]
4. Prevention of armed conflict [14]
5. Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development [16]
6. The situation in Afghanistan [19]
7. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [20]
8. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [22]
9. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [122]

[Promotion of human rights]

Wednesday

Report of the Human Rights Council [67]

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Thursday

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [114 (b)]

Ninth week (12-16 November)

[Maintenance of international peace and security]

Monday

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [113]
2. Report of the Security Council [9]; Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [124]: joint debate

	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Thursday	1. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [115 (a)]
	2. Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme [115 (b)]
	3. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [116 (g)]
	4. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit [116 (h)]
Tenth week (19-23 November)	
	[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]
Monday	Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [73 (a) to (d)]; Assistance to survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, particularly orphans, widows and victims of sexual violence [74]: joint debate
Thursday	*Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving Day)*
Eleventh week (26-30 November)	
	[Organizational, administrative and other matters]
Monday	1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [50]; Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [118]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [119]; Strengthening of the United Nations system [125]: joint debate
	2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [123]
	[Maintenance of international peace and security]
Thursday, p.m. and	1. Question of Palestine [18]
Friday and Monday, a.m.	2. The situation in the Middle East [17]

Twelfth week (3-7 December)

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Thursday

1. The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy [120]

2. Commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade [121]

Thirteenth week (10-18 December)

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Monday

Oceans and the law of the sea [79 (a) and (b)]: joint debate [Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]

Tuesday and Wednesday

Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children [68 (b)]: Commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children (resolution 61/272 of 29 June 2007)

Thursday

Friday

Monday

Tuesday

(18 December — end of 13 weeks)

II. Revised draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-second session of the General Assembly

1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

2. Information and communication technologies for development.

3. Macroeconomic policy questions:

   (a) International trade and development;

   (b) International financial system and development;

   (c) External debt crisis and development.

4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development:

   (a) Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development;

   (b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.

5. Sustainable development:

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session;

   (h) Sustainable mountain development;

   (i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy.

6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).

7. Globalization and interdependence:

   (a) Globalization and interdependence;

   (b) Science and technology for development;

   (c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

8. Groups of countries in special situations:

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

   (a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

   (b) Women in development;

   (c) Human resources development.

10. Operational activities for development:

   (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

   (b) South-South cooperation for development.

11. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

12. Towards global partnerships.